IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FOR: DATA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITH SELF-TEST FEATURE

§ AMENDMENT B UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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SIR:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action dated September 29, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire December 29, 2006, extended to February 28, 2007. A two month extension of time is believed to be necessary and is hereby requested. Please charge the fee for the extension of time to Dillon & Yudell LLP Deposit Account No. 50-3083. No additional fee is believed to be required to submit this amendment. However, in the event any additional fees necessary to further the prosecution of this application to IBM CORPORATION'S Deposit Account No. 09-0456.